

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: WEBSTER-CALHOUN COMMUNICATIONS L.C.	DOCKET NO. TCU-99-37
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ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION AND GRANTING WAIVERS

(Issued December 7, 1999)

On October 15, 1999, Webster-Calhoun Communications, L.C. (Webster), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.29 (1999). Webster intends to provide local exchange service in the Grand Junction, Lake City, Lanesboro, Lohrville, Manson, Pomeroy, Rippey, and Rockwell City exchanges currently served by GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE). No objections were filed.

IOWA CODE § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Board finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with the public interest." The Board has carefully reviewed Webster's application and finds Webster has the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service. It is in the public interest to grant a certificate to Webster.

Webster stated it concurs with the local exchange boundary maps of GTE for the exchanges listed, which are currently on file with the Board. Webster stated to

the extent the maps are changed by GTE in the future, it will adopt all changes.

Webster also stated it will make available a 2-PIC methodology for intraLATA and interLATA calling.

Webster requested the Board waive the requirements of IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-16.5(2), which requires it to use a prescribed system of accounts. Webster stated it employs an accounting system in accordance with generally-accepted accounting principles. The Board will grant Webster's request for waiver. Webster also requested the Board waive IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-22.3(2) that requires it to independently publish a directory. The Board will grant Webster's request to waive the requirement that it publish a separate directory. It is not necessary for Webster to publish a separate directory until or if it has a significant number of customers in Iowa.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Webster-Calhoun Communications, L.C. on October 15, 1999, identified as TCU-99-37, is granted, subject to the requirements that follow.

2. At the time Webster files tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa offered by Webster, the Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing Webster to provide local exchange service in Iowa.

3. Webster's concurrence in GTE Midwest Incorporated's exchange maps for Grand Junction, Lake City, Lanesboro, Lohrville, Manson, Pomeroy, Rippey, and Rockwell City is approved.

4. Webster's requests for waiver of IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-16.5(2), and 22.3(2) are granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 7th day of December, 1999.